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SUBJECT: ZAIRE'S NEW VISA REGULATIONS

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: 1. WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO EMBASSIES HERE, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JANUARY 16 SENT CIRCULAR TO ZAIRIAN EMBASSIES STATING THAT CLEARANCE FROM KINSHASA MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS, (SUBSEQUENT CLARIFICATION PROVIDES DIPLOMATIC VISAS MAY BE ISSUED WITH 48 HOURS PRIOR NOTICE). FORNMIN BULA HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH AAI CONFERENCE AND HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON RATIONALE FOR NEW PROCEDURES. MIDDLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN TURMOIL. WORKING LEVEL HAS STATED GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN AND DEPT. NOW BEGINNING TO DEVELOP MODALITIES FOR ISSUING CLEARANCES. IN THIS SITUATION, IT IS CLEAR THAT SUBSTANTIAL DELAYS WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT NOTIFY ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS THAT GOZ HAS CHANGED VISA REGULATIONS AND DELAYS CAN BE EXPECTED. ZAIRE REQUIRES ALL TRAVELLERS TO BE IN POSSESSION OF VALID VISA UPON ARRIVAL. AIRPORT VISAS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: FYI: RE PARA 3 STATE 17518, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE FOR US CITIZENS WITHOUT A VISA TO BE PAROLED INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZAIRE FOR MAXIMUM OF 48 HOURS BY LEAVING PASSPORT AT AIRPORT.

THIS SITUATION, HOWEVER, COULD CHANGE WITHOUT WARNING. ALTHOUGH
UNCLEAR, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS WHO HAVE BEEN PAROLED.
HOWEVER, THIS PROCEDURE REQUIRES INORDINATE INVESTMENT TIME
OF EMBASSY'S ONLY CONSULAR OFFICER AND SHOULD BE TRIED ONLY
WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. END FYI. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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